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- 1. GIVEN INTEREST IN US AND MEXICO OVER FATE OF ALLENDE FAMILY, FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF SITUATION MAY BE USEFUL:
- 2. LAURA ALLENDE DE PASCAL, SISTER OF PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE, REMAINS IN GOC DETENTION AT TRES ALAMOS CENTER IN SANTIAGO. PRESS HAS STATED AND AUTHORITATIVE GOC SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT SHE IS INCLUDED IN LIST OF 200 POLITICAL PRISONERS PRES. PINOCHET HAS OFFERED TO SEND TO MEXICO. SHE IS REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND UNDER REGULAR SURVEILLANCE OF HER OWN DOCTOR, WHO CONFIRMS OLD CANCER IS NOT RPT NOT A PROBLEM.
- 3. MARIANNE PASCAL ALLENDE, LAURA'S GROWN DAUGHTER, WAS ARRESTED WITH LAURA NOV 2. UNDERSTOOD TO BE HELD WITH MOTHER AND TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE. NO MENTION OF HER EVENTUAL FATE HAS BEEN MADE, ALTHOUGH SHE MAY WELL BE OFFERED TO MEXICO AT SAME TIME AS LAURA.

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4. GASTON PASCAL LYON, LONG-SEPARATED HUSBAND OF LAURA AND

FATHER OF MARIANNE AND ANDRES. ARRESTED DEC 9 AND DETAINED AT TRES ALAMOS. HABEAS CORPUS (AMPARO) FILED BY ATTORNEY WAS REJECTED BY SANTIAGO APPEALS COURT JAN 2 (REF B). APPEAL FROM THIS DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO SUPREME COURT, WHICH ON JAN 7 ASKED MIN INTERIOR TO PROVIDE COPY OF DECREE UNDER WHICH PASCAL WAS ARRESTED. ATTORNEY FOR PASCAL ALSO ASKED SUPRME COURT TO SEND JUDGE TO TRES ALAMOS TO INTERVIEW PASCAL, SINCE "UNTIL NOW HE HAS NOT BEEN INTERROGATED, NOR HAS HE BEEN TOLD THE CAUSE OR REASON FOR HIS DETENTION."

- 5. ANDRES PASCAL ALLENDE, SON OF LAURA. SINCE THE DEATH IN OCTOBER OF MIGUEL ENRIQUEZ, CHIEF OF THE OUTLAWED EXTREMIST MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) AND A FUGITIVE. GOC HAS CLAIMED HE IS IN NORTH-CENTRAL CHILE TRYING TO GET ACROSS BORDER TO BOLIVIA OR ARGENTINA.
- 6. OTHER PASCAL ALLENDE CHILDREN ARE SO
 JPEDRO GASTON AND
 DAUGHTER DENISE. PEDRO TOOK ASYLUM IN EMB OF ECUADOR AT TIME
 OF COUP AND SUBSEQUENTLY LEFT CHILE FOR ECUADOR. DENISE
 LEFT CHILE WITH PRES. ALLENDE'S WIDOW HORTENSIA BUSSI DE
 ALLENDE.
- 7. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION THAT ARRESTS OF LAURA, MARIANNE, AND GASTON PASCAL LYON WERE PRIMARILY INTENDED TO PUT PRESSURE ON MIR CHIEF ANDRES. GOC HAS CLAIMED (AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT IT) THAT LAURA WAS INVOLVED WITH MIR HERSELF AND POSSESSED HAND GRENADES, BUT NOTHING AT ALL HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT REASONS FOR ARRESTS OF MARIANNE OR PASCAL LYON. APPARENT WILLINGNESS OF GOC TO LET LAURA DEPART FOR MEXICO MAY REPRESENT RECOGNITION THAT POLITICAL COST OF CONTINUED DETENTION IS TOO HIGH AND LIKELY EFFECT ON ANDRES TOO LITTLE. WE HAVE NOT NOTED INTEREST FROM ANY QUARTER IN FATE OF PASCAL LYON, WHO HAS BEEN SEPARATED FROM LAURA FOR YEARS AND WHO TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN POLITICAL OR EXTREMIST ACTIVITY OF ANY SORT BEFORE OR AFTER COUP.
- 8. CIVIL JUDICIARY NOW APPEARS TO BE TAKING SAME INTEREST IN PASCAL LYON'S CASE AS IN THAT OF EXPELLED CHRISTIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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